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Hanoi Hilton? A Piece of Cake!

by D. A. Atkins

This New Year's Eve was probably one of the worst I have spent in years, though it was supposed to have been a special weekend for my wife and myself.

For over 35 years we were both musicians, so we always had to work in some club on New Year's Eve until 4 a.m. But for the last few years, since we weren't playing, we have tried to make it a point to take the beginning of each year and spend it away from everyone and everything, just relaxing. It's the only 'vacation' that we take; it seems like all year long, all we do is work. Every other New Year's Eve has been an enjoyable time for us, but this one was an absolute nightmare.

Usually, we go to the Holiday Inn, either at the Airport or some other location, and we have always been happy with both the accommodations and the food. This year, we chose the Hilton at the Airport. We should have had our heads examined for making such a miserable choice. I always thought of *class* when the words 'Hilton Hotel' were mentioned, but, after the experience we had, I'll certainly never make that kind of association again.

I checked in about 5 p.m. New Year's Eve, and then went back to the house to pick up my wife. We only live about a mile away from there — no big deal, right? When I picked her up and got back to the Hilton, it was around 8 p.m. I had to drop her off at the door and spend about 15 minutes looking for a spot to park. It seems that there were many parties going on, and parking was getting scarce.

We got into our rooms, finally, and the first thing I noticed was a bad odor in the room. It could have been from almost anything. Soon it went away, or else I just got used to it.

The first thing I did was turn on the TV, since they have HBO and I don't. The thing came on with a distorted picture and lines across the screen. Then, after about five minutes of fooling around with it, the blamed thing went off and came back on. Maybe it was just a power surge, right? Nope, it did it again.

I called the desk and told the lady there of my dilemma, and she told me to hold while she connected me with someone who could help me. After about 50 rings no one had answered the other end, so I hung up and called the desk again. I was told that someone would be at my room shortly, and he was. He played around with the set for a few minutes and told me he would have to go get another one from a room that had been closed down. Great.

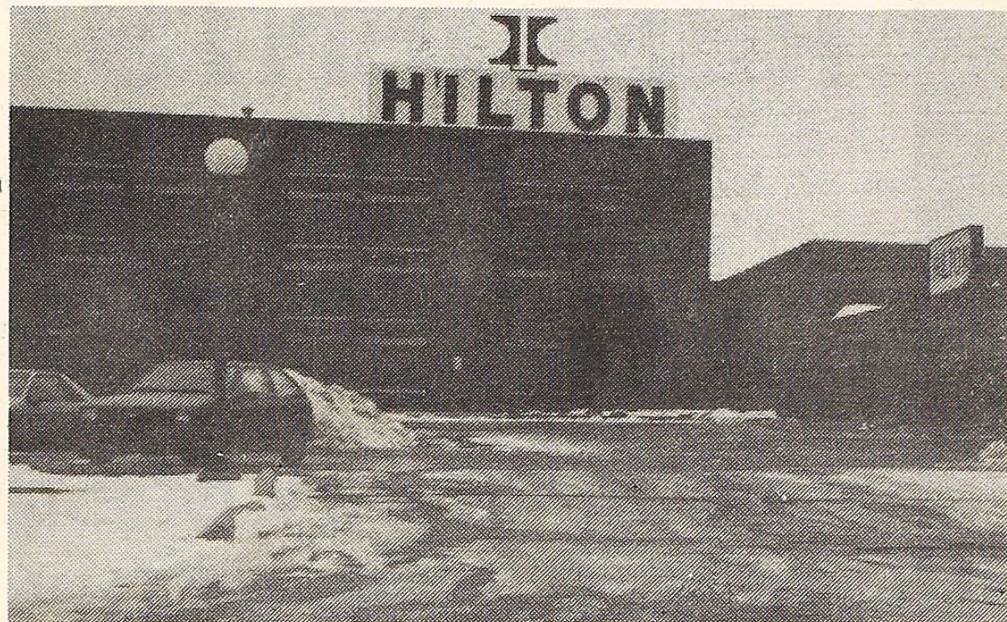
When he came back, that TV didn't work either. Finally, after the third TV, he found one that worked, but not very well. I have a 20-year-old set at home that receives a better picture than that.

Anyway, we got all of our clothes put away and then looked at the menu for something to eat, but room service was so expensive that it was almost impossible to order dinner and still have much left of the \$300 that I had brought with me. The room had already cost me \$110 for two nights — not expensive, but not cheap, either. We decided to go to the Big Boy down the street because we knew that they had good food at reasonable prices. I set the thermostat at 'comfortable' (which was supposed to be about 72 degrees) because it was bitterly cold that night, and then we left.

We had planned to take in a movie after dinner, but the cold was just too unbearable, so we decided to just go back to the room and watch a show on HBO. We left the restaurant at about 12:15 a.m. to go back to the Hilton, and once again, I had to drop my wife at the door because it was just too cold for her to walk very far. Cars were parked all over the place: in the fire lanes, driveways, and everywhere else people could find a space big enough to fit a car. After 45 minutes of driving around the parking lot, I parked my car in a no-parking zone and went in to see the desk clerk.

I tried to explain to him that I was a registered guest, and should have a park-

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Wadsworth Asks for Attorney Opinion

Councilman William Wadsworth has asked for and received an opinion from the City attorney regarding the legality of a move made by City Council a few weeks ago. It concerned the adoption of a rezoning for Wendell Flynn and Airlines Parking.

The City Council had turned down the request at the previous meeting, and, according to Wadsworth, it should have been left alone until it was brought before the City Council again properly. Proper procedure would have entailed notifying residents and placing it on the agenda. This was not done, Wadsworth said.

"I thought the motion was defeated. There was not a 2/3 majority to pass the rezoning, therefore I thought it would have to be brought up again by the prevailing side, which would have been Lambert and myself.

Wadsworth was quite displeased with the other Council members that voted to give Flynn the rezoning.

Asked if it was his idea or someone else's to get the attorney opinion, he said, "It was my idea. I understand there are those who think someone else had a hand in it, but it was my idea alone and I'm not sorry for it."

Wadsworth said that development is good, and it is important to the City, but that Council must learn to consider the feelings and needs of the citizens involved in such a move, especially those citizens living in the area involved. "They are the ones who elect us and put us in office to do things that are right for them, and sometimes that doesn't always happen," said Wadsworth.

Asked what he thought Flynn would do now that he has obtained the rezoning, Wadsworth said, "He will continue to build, but he had better do it right or else I cannot support any further development by Flynn."

When it had been mentioned to Wadsworth that there could be legal problems over the Council's decision, he said there are steps the Council can take to cover its actions legally, and that he would ask the attorney to advise the Council members to do it properly.

Mr. Wadsworth said he is quite unhappy with what went on with the rezoning, and did not support it at all. According to him, neither should anyone else. □

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Gerald Nault is the 1988 Romulus Person of the Year

Mr. Gerald A. Nault has been selected as the "Romulus Person of the Year for 1988." Mr. Nault was chosen for the honor after an extensive selection process was done by the Person of the Year Committee, and then voted on by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Nault came to Romulus in 1947 to teach industrial arts and stayed on for 40 years, until his retirement in June of 1987.

His community activities include:

- Founder of the Gregorian Club at St. Aloysius Church, which he joined when it was still a mission. Belonged to the Usher Club.
- Charter member of the Romulus Investment Club (served as President for one year and Secretary for at least 13 years).
- Member of the Romulus Progressive Club for 32 years (served as President).

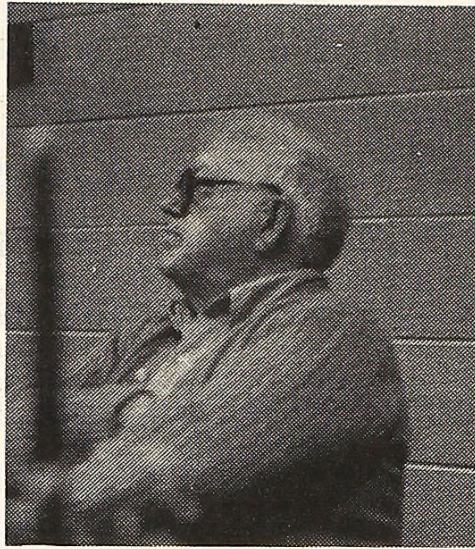
- Member of the Romulus Merchants Bowling League.
- Member of the Romulus Teachers Bowling League.

He is also the first one to step up and give his support at meetings and to offer his help on different projects. At Christmas time, he seeks names for gifts for the needy.

A special award and dinner dance will be held honoring Mr. Nault's outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the Romulus community and its citizens at 6:30 p.m. March 5 at The Forge in Taylor. There will be a band and an open bar. The price of admission is \$30 per person, paid in advance.

Mr. Nault has been married 42 years, and has six children (two daughters and four sons) and 10 grandchildren. □

Gerald Nault



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It's the Law

by Murray A. Duncan, attorney

Q. May a 16-year-old get married without the parents' consent?

A. Anyone 18 years of age or older may marry without consent. Every person who becomes 16 years of age but is less than 18 years of age may get married with the written consent of one of the parents of the person or the person's legal guardian. As proof of age, the party to be married, when requested by the county clerk, shall submit a birth certificate or other proof of age. When it appears to the clerk that the applicant has not reached 18 years of age, the county clerk will require that the consent of at least one parent for each applicant under 18 be produced. The consent is to be given personally before the county clerk or before a notary public.

Q. When may a minor be charged as an adult in a criminal proceeding?

A. Where a child over the age of 15 is charged with a felony, the judge of probate, after investigation and examination, and upon motion of the prosecuting attorney, may waive jurisdiction to a court having general criminal jurisdiction.

If you have any questions, please send them to Murray A. Duncan, Jr., attorney, 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. □

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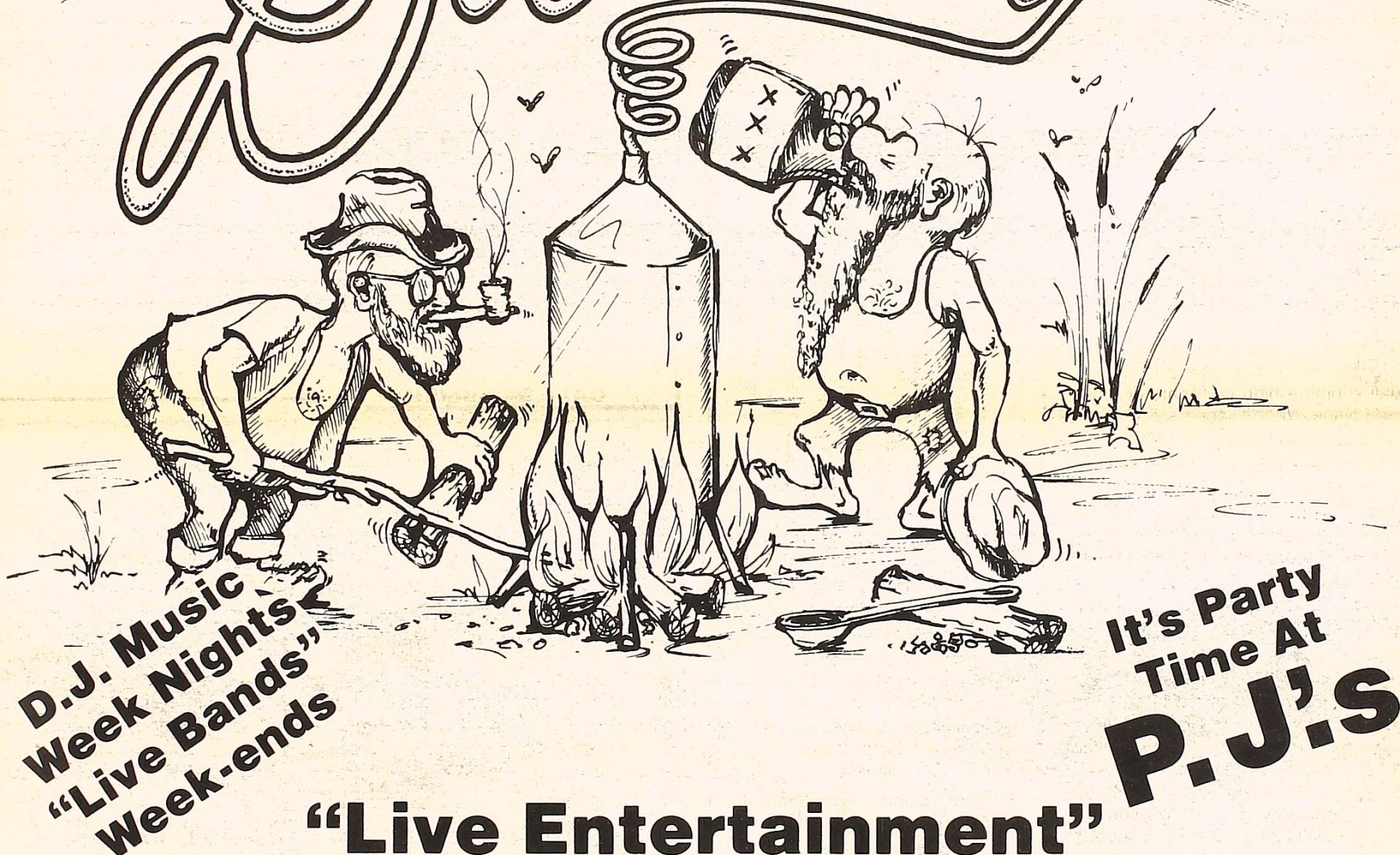
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More Letters from Halecreek

Here are a few more of those great letters from current and aspiring honor-roll students at Halecreek Elementary.

Letters to The Romulus News from Mrs. Olszewski's 4th/5th-grade class.

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I didn't get on the Honor Roll, but I would like to be on it very much. And next quarter I will get on the Honor Roll because I am trying very hard and I have confidence in myself. I think I will get on Honor Roll because I am working much harder at everything and I also am getting A's and B's.

My favorite subject in school is Spelling because it is the easiest for me and I like to spell. My worst subject is Math but, now I know my times tables better and it's helping me with my Math and to improve my Math grades.

Sincerely Yours,
Susan Sherbrook, 5th grade

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I did not get on the Honor Roll because I did not work hard enough to be on the Honor Roll. I want to get on the Honor Roll because it lets people know that your one of the kids that worked the hardest. It make my parents feel good about me.

My favorite subject is Math. I'm not to bad at it. I got a C3 on my Report Card. My worst subject is Social Studies. I'm surprised I got a C for my grade. I'll work hard.

I'm Reading not so bad. It's easy to keep up with work but I need improvement.

Sincerely yours,
Terry D. Smigielski, 5th grade

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I got on the Honor Roll by believing in myself and trying hard and doing my best. There were some things that were hard for me. I had to listen very hard to the lessons. I had to have good conduct. I learned from that experience that you have to work hard and do your best.

I am going to try harder for the next quarter and see what I can get. I will still be proud of myself even if I don't get on the Honor Roll. I hope everyone can try to get on the Honor Roll.

Sincerely yours,
Gretchen Spencer, 5th grade

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I did not make the Honor Roll but next time my only wish is to make it. I tried, I really did, but I guess I have to put more effort into what I do. Next time I hope God gives me the wisdom and courage to make it. I have to believe in myself to make it because I am a winner. Being myself alone won't help me make it. Trying my hardest will. I want to be a winner. I have to keep on striving for my goals. My hardest problem in school is math. All through my years of school math was a toughy.

I'm getting better at it. In spelling I'm outstanding. In Language, Social Studies, Science, and my math I have problems. I also play in the band. I play the flute. I've played it for two great wonderful years. I

hope to always be a good student in school.

Sincerely yours,
Lavee Toliver, 5th grade

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I wanted to be on the Honor Roll because I made it every time before. I missed it by one point. I really wanted to make it, because you get awards and ribbons. This time I am going to try harder.

The worst grade is writing. I got a C and that isn't too good. I got two more C's in Science and Social Studies.

Next time I am going to try harder to get all A's and B's so I will get enough points to get on the Honor Roll. And I really am going to give it the best.

Sincerely yours,
Amy Young, 4th grade

Letters to The Romulus News from Mrs. Brackney's 6th-grade class.

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to the honor roll assembly at Halecreek. I think we all enjoyed your speech and appreciate you coming to our school. I know I did. I hope you come again.

When you came to the honor roll assembly, I was on the honor roll because I kept good grades, I followed directions, and paid attention to the teacher. I studied hard. I put in alot of effort, and I thought about what I was doing. I intend to stay on the honor roll by doing all of these things. On tests I study with a partner. I complete my assignments on time. Alot of people encourage me and I encourage myself. I am glad I have the ability to do these things.

I hope you had a nice time. I know I did. Please come back again.

Sincerely,
LeKeisha Holmes

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to our school for the honor roll assembly on November 25th.

My third grade teacher said "have good behavior, get your work done, you get good grades." My mother and father usually get me something if I make it, but most of the time they don't. They usually take me somewhere.

This time I plan to make the honor roll by turning my work in on time, study, being organized, being responsible, and proof-reading my work, and follow directions. Doing these things I could probably make the honor roll the next marking period.

Sincerely,
Kurtis Johnson

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Thank you for coming to Halecreek Elementary School. We all liked your speech. You are also a humorous man. We thank you for printing any student's article in your newspaper.

I didn't make the honor roll this marking period because I was not turning in assignments in on time. I was not giving enough effort. I was not studying or using

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Obituaries

Donald William Nickel

Donald William Nickel, a 71-year-old Romulus resident, died December 29, 1987, in Wayne.

Donald was the father of Mrs. Norman (Arlene) A. Buschbacher of Arizona, Ms. Pamela I. Nickel of Westland, and David D. Nickel of Romulus, and the dearest friend of Dolores F. Nowlin. He is also survived by six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services for the Ford Motor Company retiree were held Thursday, December 31, at Baum-Crane Funeral Home in Romulus, with Pastor Robert Casement officiating. Interment was at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Arrangements were made by the Baum-Crane Funeral Home. □


Milton L. McCraight

Milton L. McCraight, a resident of Romulus, died in Wayne on January 8, 1988. He was 69 years old.

Milton was the beloved husband of Katherine, and the father of Mrs. Robert (Gloria) Schwartz of Novi, Mrs. Herbert (Sharon) McKeever of Westland, and William J. (Linda) McCraight of Romulus. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Milton was a member of the Romulus Senior Bowling League.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 11, 1988, at Baum-Crane Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. D. Landis of Community United Methodist Church in Romulus officiating. He was interred at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Arrangements were made by the Baum-Crane Funeral Home of Romulus. □



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Domestic Teamwork

by Tom Shamanski

I know I'm going to have a good day if, when I see my reflection in the early-morning mirror, I don't cry. It happened one day last week. In fact, grinning back at me was an odd combination of Bozo and Carol Channing. I felt terrific!

As I bounced into the kitchen, the sizzling aroma of frying bacon and freshly brewed coffee lifted my spirits even higher. My wife, Terry, was in the midst of her breakfast routine. I'm continually amazed by her Julia Child-like ability to have my lightly browned toast pop up just as my two-and-one-half-minute egg is ready.

Terry, balancing our one-year-old in the crook of her arm, looked a little grumpy. I decided to cheer her as she mumbled for the strawberry jam in the refrigerator. Handing her the jam, I chirped, "Teamwork, Honey, that's what makes us so

great!" I should have stuck with "good morning."

"Right," she snarled, "you're the team and I do the work!" Following this were selected words about motherhood being a 24-hour job, and how would I like to babysit the neighbor's kid, as well as our two, five days a week. The day took an unmistakable nosedive.

Retreating to the bathroom to "recomb my hair," I figured a woman who has been up with a baby since four a.m. can't be reasoned with at six. I decided to perfect my arguments at work and plead my case that evening.

Like all marrieds, there are a few household chores Terry and I often "discuss." Many times I've felt guilty about not changing the baby's diapers more frequently. However, my manual dexterity gives heightened meaning to the phrase

"clumsy as a bull in a china shop." Using cloth diapers and pins, I'm certain the baby would suffer severe trauma. Nightmares of four-legged monster pincushions would probably haunt him through adult life. I definitely don't want that, so it's best I don't change diapers.

Washing dinner dishes also has entered our casual conversation. I sometimes feel bad about my lapse here, too. But, after all, our dishes were a wedding gift from Terry's grandparents and I'd feel horrible if I broke any. The dishes are still intact, so it's best I don't wash the dishes.

Washing clothes. This had me stumped until I realized I'm not sure which machine is the washer and which is the dryer. Can you imagine the smelly disaster if dirty diapers were put into a cranked-up dryer? Best I don't wash clothes.

Arriving home from work, I felt confident my logic would sway Terry. Not finding her in the house, I checked the garage. She was changing oil in our old car. I thought it best not to disturb her. □

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Halecreek Letters

my ideas. I was not proofreading my work. I'm now inspired by the other students that did make the honor roll.

Our teacher, Mrs. Brackney, is nice and is willing to put time and effort to help us students. I would, if I could, give her a medal. To get back to the school work, I almost made it to the honor roll, but almost doesn't count in the real world of life. I will make it next time.

Sincerely yours,
Jerry Jones

Dear Mr. Atkins,

Hi, my name is Versie Justice from Halecreek School. When you came to my school, I was not on the Honor Roll, but here's how I'm going to get on it. I'm going to do all my homework. I'm going to study real hard and think of ideas to improve my grades. Some of the ideas are study nightly and daily with flashcards. I'm also going to practice and outline every assignment. And I'm going to study with a partner. I'm going to complete every assignment. I'm going to study for every drill and test. I will study my books and think until I get it right. I will also not be tardy. I will follow directions and ask if I need help. I will write neater too!

And since you came I have put more

effort in my work. Thank you for coming to our school.

Sincerely,
Versie Justice

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I want to thank you for coming to our school. I wasn't there to hear your speech, but it must of been a good one.

I didn't make the honor roll because I didn't try. I had a behavior saying, "I don't care." I am going to work harder and do my homework. I am going to try to get back on our school's safety program. I usually get bad grades on tests because I don't try. I know I can do better on them. My teacher says I can do better and make the honor roll. I am trying now, but am off to a bad start. During the year I will improve my grades. My dad is the one who helps me alot. My last report card wasn't good.

I told you what I am going to do about my grades, behavior and everything else. There is one more reason I get bad grades. I got a after school job. The job I have is a paper route and that takes up most of my day. I am going to pay alot more attention to my school work and everything about school.

Your friend,
Tim Kilgore □

Gear — Young Man of America

by D. A. Atkins

There is a man in the City government that no one had heard of about a year and a half ago. He was a school teacher in Detroit, a part-time teacher in the Dearborn school district, a once-a-month keeper of our safety from foreign intruders, and was involved in many other activities that no else knew about then or knows about now.

About a year ago, his face started popping up around town in store windows and car windows, and you would see bumper stickers with his name on them all over town. You would also see him on Sundays, riding a bicycle around the City sidewalks and through parking lots, and he would stop in places that were open and say, "Hi, my name is Randy Gear and I'm running for City Council."

To say the least, he was out to get his name known so that he could become a City Council member. Everyone kind of laughed at this tall, skinny drink of water who thought he was going to unseat someone already on the Council. There was just no way that could happen.

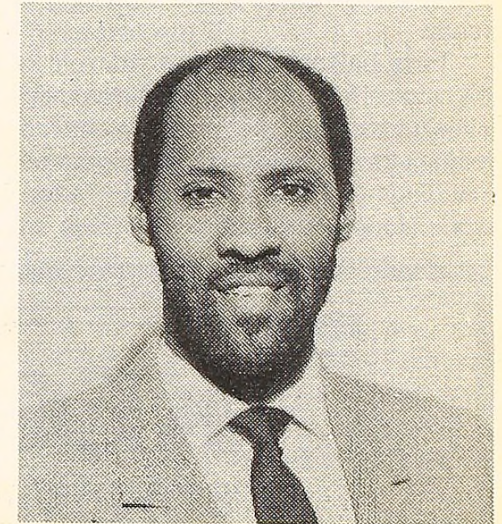
He was constantly on the go, politicking and asking people what they really wanted to see happen in this city for the betterment of the City. No one really gave any serious thought to this man winning a primary, let alone an election. Well, he

won both. It wasn't a landslide victory, but that didn't matter — he won, and that's what counted.

How did he win? The same way he won the Outstanding Young Man of America Award in 1987 from Montgomery, Alabama. Pure determination and hard work.

Selections were based on education; political, civic and community involvement; and contributions to music, the arts and science.

It looks like Randy Gear will be a good Councilman for the City of Romulus — after all, he appears to have all of the right qualifications. □



Lighting for City in Works

by D. A. Atkins

Some time ago, *The Romulus News* reported that the City of Romulus was considering lighting up the entire city with street lights. Just when it will all happen is still uncertain, but at least it is in the works.

There have been petitions filed with the Mayor's office requesting street lighting in certain locations. McAnally said that the City tries its best to respond to petitions from the residents, and it will respond to the lighting requests. However, it takes a

little more than just saying that the City will be lit up to make it so.

"We are working with Edison to make the new lighting be uniform with that which we hope to do as a City-wide program," said Mayor McAnally. She continued, "We are looking at high-pressure sodium lighting, which is a better light than we have in most areas. We intend to replace all the lights and make them all consistent."

McAnally has a meeting set up with

Edison, which will have to do the capital outlay for the system. Then Edison will rent the service to the City for a certain rate, in much the same way it is done in residential buildings — Edison drops the lines and installs a meter so that electricity use can be monitored and then billed for. Residents are then charged accordingly.

"It probably won't happen overnight, or even in the span of a year," said the Mayor. "It's going to be a phase program, and we are going to make our lighting system uniform."

Asked how this would affect the electric bills of Romulus residents, she said, "Some residents' bills may go up, and some may go down." She also said that, through the years, there have been problems that have arisen because some folks had not been charged properly, and some

folks had not been charged at all. These things are being worked on so that they can be corrected. □

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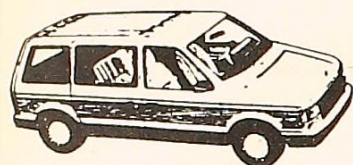
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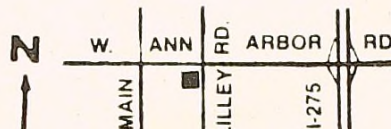
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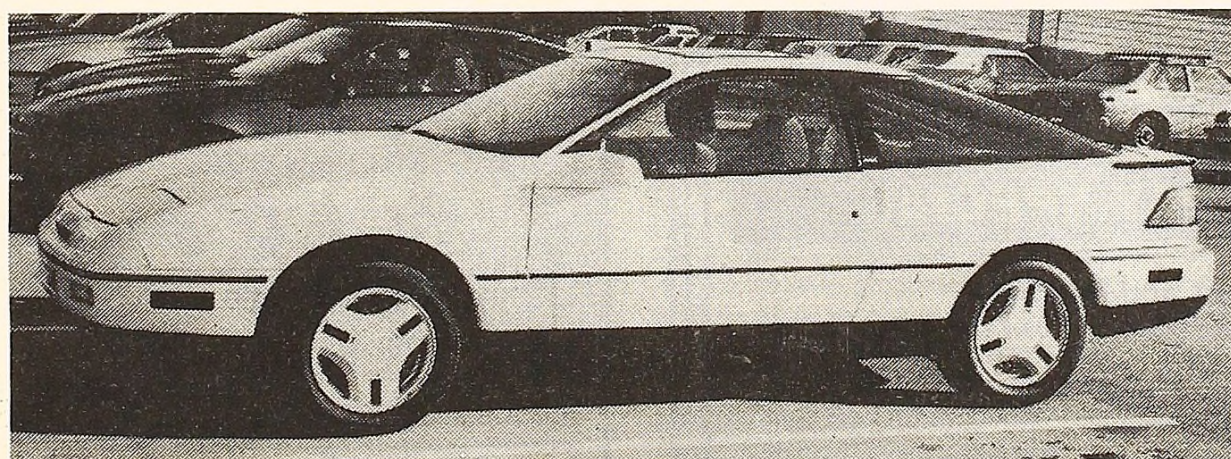


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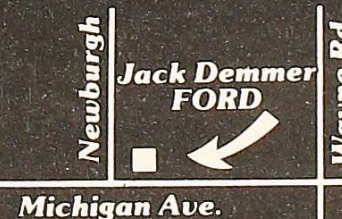


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Recreation News

The Romulus Recreation Department will be sponsoring its next dinner theatre on Monday, January 18, at Barth Elementary. The performers will include the Ann Arbor Goodtime Players, along with student performers Staci Steffani of Wick, Diane Kehn and Melissa Carrico of Barth, Heather Mack of St. Aloysius School, Bracken Spencer of Halecreek and Mike Bates of Hayti. The play presented will be *Beauty and the Beastie*.

Tickets are on sale at the Recreation Department for only \$3 each (children age four and under are free). Tickets will be sold until Friday, January 15. No tickets will be available at the door.

For further information, call the Recreation Department at 942-6852. □

Straight from the Heart

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

For you avid readers of this column — Yes! — 'The Plan' is working! Thanks to your watchful eyes!

(For those readers that didn't see my last column, I told about a 'plan' I had for losing weight — for myself. I've never had so many people tell me they read these articles! It's good to know you're reading *The Romulus News*. Take note, Romulus businesses — Romulus people like to read about Romulus!

There have been many studies made on how our attitude can affect our health. I'm not going to write another article that documents that fact. What I am going to do is encourage you right now to look at your attitude, especially towards others.

Remember how I said that the Christ-

mas season brings people to be nicer? Why? Because they're thinking of giving to others. Now that doesn't solve any problems, but it does help to minimize them. For you and me, it could help to give us the proper values in our attitude.

Now, I know you say that, when you're sick, you don't feel like being nice to others. But you and I both have seen people that are very sick and yet they are very pleasant and friendly.

Being nice is not something you *do*, it's something you *are*. What you are comes from your goals, ideals and beliefs. If you've been sick a lot and you've also been 'cranky,' take a look at the kind of person you are. See if you need to change some of those attitudes. □

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Council Meeting Jan. 11, 1988

City Council met on Monday, January 11, at 8 p.m. The following transpired at that meeting:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and then the meeting was brought to order.

Linda Choate, the City Clerk, read the agenda, with an amendment calling for a guest speaker from the Ecorse subdivision. It was approved.

The minutes from the regular Council meetings held December 21 and 28, 1987, and January 4, 1988, were approved.

A rezoning petition, concerning Best Way Recycling, Inc. (PC-050-11-87), was brought before the Council. Best Way was asking for a zoning change from M-1, light industrial, to MT-2, Industrial Transportation 1, for the purpose of constructing a trucking solid waste transfer station. After discussion, it was approved.

Laura Branen appeared before the City Council on behalf of the residents of the Ecorse subdivision to ask the Council to protect their property from rezoning so that they can maintain the value of their

property. They (the residents) are presently getting petitions signed to present to the Council. At present, they have approximately 150 signatures.

Item 5.A. was about a wastewater service agreement issue presented to Council, which was approved.

Item 5.B. was a move for the Council to revoke the tax abatement awarded to Advance Creation some time ago. The vote to revoke the abatement was unanimous.

Item 5.C. was to award a bid to Crova Sales and Service for the purchase, for DPW, of a 10-cubic-yard tandem dump truck. The cost was \$54,151.42. It was awarded to Crova by unanimous vote.

Item 5.D. regarded a T.I.F.A. appointment to Ed Wilkerson. All voted yes.

Item 5.E. proposed an E.D.C. appointment to Pat Hogan. All voted yes.

Item 5.F. introduced a budget amendment to hire five new police officers. It passed unanimously.

Item 5.G. was 'for your information' — the Mayor asked for support of the National League of Cities. All voted to approve.

Item 5.H., a T.I.F.A. report, was accepted by all.

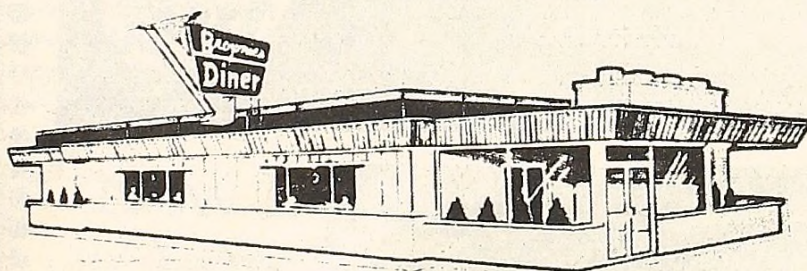
Item 6 was a communication from the Department of Social Services regarding a withdrawn application for an adult foster care small group home. Approved by all.

Item 6.B.-1 was the Treasurer's report on the commencement of a charge of \$10 on N.S.F. checks. Approved by all.

Item 11 — to pay warrant #88-01 in the amount of \$239,822.73. Approved by all. □

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SPORTS IN ROMULUS

Varsity Wrestlers Win 1987 Romulus Invitational

On Saturday, the Romulus Varsity Wrestling team successfully defended its 1986 Romulus Invitational Championship by outdistancing seven opponents in this year's tournament.

The victory was not easy, as Monroe and Ida sent teams to challenge the Eagles, but, as Coach Wayne Shimming put it, "Our young kids came through the finals in head-to-head competition with Monroe, and that put it away!"

The team victory was truly a complete team effort, as 11 of the 12 wrestlers who started the tournament finished in the top four in their division.

"Only Scott Murawski, sophomore 145 pounder, did not place, but, without a doubt, Scott had the toughest bracket of the day. Many of the 145-weight-class wrestlers in our tournament will do well at the State level. Scott's young, and getting better each meet. He'll get his turn next year, as most of these guys graduate this year.

The fourth-place finishers were freshman James Machinski, junior Randy Rhoden and senior Greg Grizzle; third-place finishers were sophomore David Gehringer and junior Don DuFore. Dennis Corder finished second, losing in a very tough final match, and our division champions were State-ranked senior Tony Venturini, sophomore Tim Kosikowski, junior Paul Nowicki, junior Ricky Champagne, junior Ralph Farrell and sophomore Bruce Boyd. Bruce was also named best wrestler of the day.

"If you look at these young men, you can see how young we are this year, plus we have some very good J.V. wrestlers pushing these guys to perfection. Next week it's back to league competition, and then on to Monroe next Saturday. I really hope some of our wrestling fans and students will come and see these young men at their best. I know they would be exceptionally impressed. I know I am." □



Varsity Basketball

The Eagle Varsity Basketball team is off on what looks to be a tough season. Although currently carrying a 1-5 win/loss record, Coach Dan Henry assesses his team's performance this way: "We have really looked good at times in every game this season, but it seems like we go cold for six to eight minutes, and then the game is gone. Not to make excuses for these young men, but we have played three teams out of six games with teams rated in the top ten in the State."

The Eagles continue their quest for a league championship against league-favorite Adrian High School on Friday, following Tuesday's clash with cross-town rival Taylor Truman.

"We are going to beat some people this year as soon as our team members learn their roles," Coach Henry added. "Alan Hudson and Grayam Scott have to control the boards and put in the short shots. Alan has been doing an exceptional job on the boards this season, and Grayam and Brent Bonam have been coming on. We're still looking for that offensive spark plug. Willie Maull has been running the offense and is currently our leading scorer, but he needs help and I really believe that the help is there — it just hasn't shown its face as of yet."

Virgil Davis and Treg Gilstorff have helped at the guard positions this year, with Sterl Buckley, Tim Rice, and currently injured Eric Lightsey assisting the team's efforts at forward and center. Senior forward Wayne Owens and junior guard Arol Trinity have shown moments of potential, but, as of yet, Coach Henry is looking for the combination of players that will work together and play all four quarters.

"Our underclassmen are starting to gain playing maturity now, and shortly we should begin to show signs of being a good ball club," concluded Coach Henry.

Come out and enjoy the season. Our next game is Friday against Adrian. Hope to see all of our fans there. □

Eagle Volleyball Takes Two Second Places

The Eagles volleyball program celebrated the holiday season by taking sec-

ond place in both the Varsity and Junior Varsity Romulus Holiday Invitational.

The Varsity Eagles were second after preliminary pool play with a defeat by Trenton. They then worked their way to the finals by first defeating Pontiac Catholic 14-16, 15-6, 15-0 in the quarterfinals, and then Jackson 5-15, 15-13, 15-10 in the semifinals. Trenton was again their nemesis, as they defeated the Eagles in the finals 15-5, 15-2.

Laurie Berlinn was impressive at the net with 35 kills and 22 blocks. Defensively, Sheri Hampton, Kim Lyles and Chris Murray showed skill and hustle in the backline.

The Eagles took their South Central Conference opener as they defeated Ypsilanti 15-6, 13-15, 9-15, 15-11, 15-5. Dennise Corder was the star of the game, as she kept momentum on the Eagles' side as she made several tremendous backline saves.

The Eagles will be tested further this year as they go up against conference foes Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Pioneer. The week's challenge will end on Saturday at the Carlson Invitational, where the Eagles will, once again, have a go at Trenton. □

J.V. Volleyball is 5-1

The Junior Varsity Volleyball team is off to an excellent start on what looks to be a very exciting season.

"We have a lot of athletic talent on this team," says Coach Dennis Stoh, "with nine or ten very solid volleyball players."

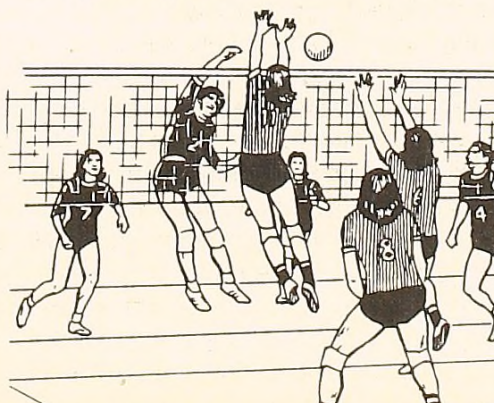
The young Eagles finished second in their recent tournament, getting beaten by a very good Ladywood J.V. team. Chris Stratton, sophomore, led the team to their second-place finish as both a solid setter and hitter. Also looking good in their first action this year were sophomore Susan Hamel and freshman Tammy Tribilowicz.

Backline defense is what really makes victories the easiest to obtain, and Coach Stoh was exceptionally pleased with the backline play and serving of sophomore Stacy Cowens, freshman Jennifer Daniel and freshman Michele Scarrow.

The J.V. team started its quest for the League Championship this week by defeating Ypsilanti 15-4, 15-5. Led by the blocking and hitting of Jennifer Daniel and Brooke Hammers, the young volleyball ladies improved their record to 5-1.

"We have a lot of freshmen playing this year against predominantly sophomore teams," added Coach Stoh, "but if the girls learn to work and talk together on the floor and continue to progress in their ability and intelligence about this game, we should have a very rewarding season."

Our next game is Friday against an always-tough Ann Arbor Pioneer team at 4 p.m. Hope to see our fans there! □



Training Program Excels at RHS

Romulus Schools employ a certified Athletic Trainer through the Center for Sports Medicine and Fitness in Ypsilanti. The current athletic trainer, who has been with Romulus High School for three years, is Joe Durocher. Joe is a graduate of Central Michigan University and has done some graduate work at Western Michigan University. Joe presently splits his time between the High School and doing orthopedic rehabilitation at the Center.

Assisting the Athletic Trainer at Romulus High this year are three student trainers who work through Romulus High's Health Occupations Program run by Mrs. Evelyn Hopewell. This year's student trainers are Brian Banyai, Kim Lyles and Derek Twitchell, all seniors. In addition to their Health Occupation classwork, the students completed a three-day athletic training workshop sponsored by the Center for Sports Medicine and Fitness. During the workshop, the students learned taping techniques for the major joints in the body and learned how to evaluate and treat such injuries as torn or strained muscles, sprained ankles, and cuts and lacerations. Student trainers play a very active part in the day-to-day operations of the training room, as well as during game coverage. □

From the A.D.

by Romulus Schools Activities Director Fred Coleman

I know that out there in this community there are people just looking for something to do on these cold, snowy evenings. Traditionally, Romulus High School always has good support for its basketball program, and this year seems to be no different. Yet there are two other groups of young people who are working just as hard to represent their school, and, unfortunately, are drawing very little school or community support.

The Wrestling program in Romulus is an annual power in this area and is once again doing exceptionally well, being undefeated in dual meets and having finished second, third and seventh in their three invitational. A League Championship is a definite possibility for these young men.

Like the Wrestling program, the Romulus Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball programs have started this season very well, with the Varsity carrying a 4-2 win/loss record, and the Junior Varsity currently at 5-1. Both teams finished second in their tournaments, with the Varsity losing to Downriver power Trenton, and the J.V. losing to a State-ranked Ladywood program.

If you have never seen a volleyball game, it is well worth the \$2 admission price to come and see our girls compete. Volleyball is probably the quickest, most exciting athletic entertainment that our school provides, and our program is one to come and see.

The cost to see these two programs is well worth the enjoyment you will receive. Adult tickets are only \$2, and all students pay \$1. Children under six and senior citizens get in for free.

Check out the schedule and make plans to attend some of these games. I

A.D.

guarantee that you won't be disappointed.

Parents who bring their elementary-aged children who want to either wrestle or play volleyball in the future can remind me of this article, and I will let the kids in free. Hope to see you all there. □

HILTON

ing spot for my car, but he told me that there were lots of parties going on, and that there was nothing he could do about it. He suggested that I might be able to park in the pay lot across the street (if there was any room left). Once again, I tried to explain to him that, when you rent a room, a parking spot should go along with it. He did not agree. I told him that I had parked in a no-parking zone, and he told me to move my car or it would be towed away, at which point I told him to please have it towed away, I needed the extra money I would get from a lawsuit anyway. He didn't budge.

I finally went back to my car that was parked illegally, like about 200 others, and drove around the lot for 15 more minutes until I finally landed a spot. By the time I walked back to my room, I thought I was going to die from frost bite. I was so cold I could barely stand it.

When I got back to the room, I found that 72, 'comfort,' on their thermostat must have been meant for something other than the human race. It felt like an inferno in that room. I had to turn the heat completely off, even as cold as I was.

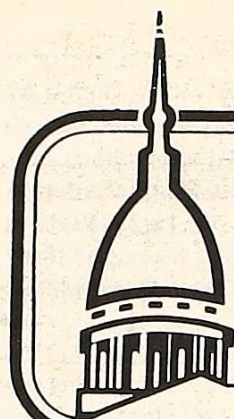
Shower time. I like my water warm, but not hot. Well, I had my choice of being boiled to death or bathing in what would certainly turn into ice cubes. So I didn't get to take a shower — I ran cold water into the tub, turned on the hot water until the temperature was about right, and then took a bath.

The TV didn't work any better the next day. We went to the restaurant in the Hilton to have a nice meal before we left. We figured, what the heck, let's go for broke and order prime rib. We both like our meat *very well done*, and I explained that to the waitress — please make it well done, no matter what the cook says. After sending the prime rib back four times, I told the waitress, who was about to pull her hair out by then, to please put my wife's on the broiler for four more minutes, and mine for seven more minutes. I think she finally got tired of fooling with the cook and did it herself because this time it was right, and she was very apologetic.

We went back to the room and, once again, it felt as if we were deep in the bowels of Hell, it was so hot.

Neither of us got a decent night's sleep in the two nights we were there. May I give you a rating of the Hilton at the Airport from my viewpoint? On a scale of one to ten, I rate it somewhere in the minus 40s. You can take it from there.

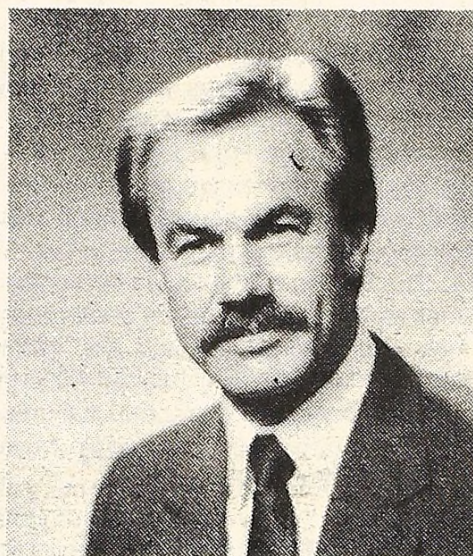
By the way, we have decided to go to the various hotels/motels at the Airport once a month, and I will report to you what we find. □



Jim Kosteva

State Representative • 37th District

Weekly Update



by Jim Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

Spousal Health-Care Bill Clears Legislative Hurdle

Legislation that would protect a husband or wife from becoming impoverished because a spouse requires expensive nursing-home care has been approved by the House Social Services and Youth Committee. The proposal establishes new eligibility guidelines so that couples will no longer have to liquidate their personal financial resources to the point of poverty before the spouse requiring long-term care can be covered by Medicaid.

House Approves Harbor Development Legislation

The House has overwhelmingly passed a package of bills to increase the development of harbor facilities and marinas on the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair and inland waterways. The legislation would earmark taxes from sales of used boats and boat motors for the State to purchase property suitable for marina development. The State would make necessary capital improvements and then lease the sites to private developers for operation.

Michigan Named Finalist for Federal Super Collider Project

Michigan recently moved one step closer to becoming home to the U.S. Department of Energy's planned Superconducting Super Collider — a 'cosmic microscope' that will enable researchers to study the underlying structure of physical matter. An Ingham County site is on the list of eight finalists vying for the \$4.5-billion project that will create technological innovations and thousands of new jobs.

Legislature Encourages Greater Cooperation Among Local Governments

The Legislature has approved a bill designed to facilitate greater cooperation among local governments in providing and financing municipal services. Under the legislation, two or more municipalities could agree to share tax revenues col-

lected from certain commercial and industrial properties to offset increased costs associated with regional economic expansion and development.

Jail Escapees to Face Stiffer Penalties

The Legislature has voted to increase the maximum time added to a prisoner's sentence following conviction for jail escape. Under the legislation, a convicted felon who attempts to escape from jail would face up to four years added to the end of the original sentence.

Financial-Aid Telecast Will Instruct Students, Parents

On January 21 at 7:15 p.m., the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will broadcast a State-wide video presentation on financial aid to 54 colleges and universities across the State. Interested students and parents can call MDE at (517) 373-0457 to receive location and registration information. Michigan residents who own satellite dishes can tune to Westar IV, Transponder 6 direct, Audio 6.8 to pick up the special broadcast.

Appliance Repair Fraud Is Target of House Bill

Michigan appliance-repair companies would be required to register with the State and meet standards of fair dealing under legislation to be introduced in the House. The bill would empower the State's

Department of Licensing and Regulation to investigate complaints and mediate solutions. A business could have its registration revoked if it continues fraudulent behavior after mediation and other efforts.

DNR Announces Late Canada Goose Season

The State's Department of Natural Resources has announced a special late Canada goose season in southern Michigan, from January 9 through February 10. Most of southeastern Michigan, south of a line from Grand Rapids to Port Huron, is open to Canada goose hunting, except in the Allegan County Goose Management Area and the Pointe Mouillee Goose Management Area.

Judicial Leadership Topic of Supreme Court Seminar

Judges from throughout Michigan recently participated in a Judicial Leadership Seminar at Michigan State University to examine their leadership role in the Michigan court system. The seminar is part of an ongoing effort to improve the judicial process in Michigan.

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Samuel Tobyne

by Romulus Historical Society President
Pearl Varner

Ever wonder who was the first person to purchase land in Romulus and reside here with his family? Well, wonder no more, his name's Samuel Tobyne. In the year 1826 Samuel Tobyne purchased 82 acres from the United States government for the sum of \$1.25 per acre. According to the 1827 Michigan Territorial Census Samuel Tobyne settled here with his wife, Sally, and five daughters. At this time many persons from out east would purchase land from the United States government but never intend to settle there. They bought simply for speculation. Samuel Tobyne purchased land and brought his family to Romulus to live.

According to the Federal Census of 1830 Tobyne, his wife and four daughters still resided in Romulus. The daughters listed here are one less than those in the 1827 census. It can be assumed that she either died or left the household.

Not a lot is known of Mr. Tobyne but we do have records of him serving as Romulus Highway Commissioner from April 1835 through March of 1837. The same records show that a road was nam-

ed after him in 1836, Tobyne Road. Today part of that road still bears his name, but it is misspelled 'Tobine.'

Tobyne Road historically began at the northeast corner of the township and ran diagonally across to Pullen's Corners. From there it ran southwest to the Huron River. It has been said that previous to the coming of the settlers it was an old Indian trail. At the northeast end was Samuel Tobyne's property, in the middle was the settlement of people, including a church and town hall. At the southwest corner was Mt. Pleasant, a village that was platted in 1834. This road seemed to be a much-traveled path.

Samuel Tobyne removed from this area to the State of Illinois before 1840. In May of 1982 the Romulus Historical Society and the City of Romulus designated Tobyne's homestead site as a local historical site. A marker stands as a reminder that Samuel Tobyne first settled Romulus in 1827. The site is presently known as Rush's Flowers, located on the corner of Henry Ruff and Van Born Road in Romulus. □



DPW Investigation Continues

The investigation into the Department of Public Works (DPW) is still in progress as of this writing, according to Mayor McAnally.

Not much new information has been released to the press except that the State Police have asked for certain documents and have received them. The State Police are presently conducting a criminal inves-

tigation into alleged wrongdoings by some DPW employees.

To date, there have been two men fired from their positions, and a new head of the DPW has been hired. The investigation continues, and rumors continue to fly. *The Romulus News* will keep you abreast of the investigation as information becomes available. □

JANUARY 1988 CALENDAR OF EVENTS HALECREEK SCHOOL — ART McPHARLIN, PRINCIPAL

DAY	SPECIAL EVENTS	TIME (AM)	ROOM
14	Preview of Human Growth & Development Program (Parents of 5th & 6th graders)	10:15	Rm. 2
18	No School — Mid-winter Break Day		
19	School Resumes	8:45	
27	Halecreek Hawk Award Drawing Boyscout Round-Up for Parents	8:50 7-9 PM	Music
28	Positive Discipline Assembly		
29	No School — Records Day		
Feb. 1	School Resumes; 2nd Semester Begins	8:45	
3	Report Cards Go Home With Students		
DAY	WEEKLY ACTIVITIES	TIME (PM)	ROOM
M	After-School Program (3rd & 4th Grades)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 7	2:45-4:30	Cafeteria
	Cub Scout Pack 1739 — Den 6	2:45-4:30	Art
	Karate Class	6:00-8:00	Gym
	Brownie Troop 291	6:30-7:45	Cafeteria
T	After-School Program (5th & 6th Grades)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Bible Club	2:45-4:00	Music
	Cub Scouts	2:45-4:00	Art
	Cub Scouts — Den 3	4:00-6:30	Art
	Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius	5:30-9:30	Gym
	Brownie Troop 174	6:30-7:30	Music
	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month — Tiger Cubs	6:30-7:30	Art
	3rd Tuesday of the Month — Cub Scout Adult Meeting	7:00-9:00	Art
W	After-School Program (3rd & 4th Grades)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius	5:30-9:30	Gym
T	After-School Program (5th & 6th Grades)	2:45-4:45	Gym
	Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius	5:30-9:30	Gym
	Girl Scout Troop 215	6:00-7:00	Library
	Cub Scouts	6:00-7:00	Art
	Monthly Pack Meeting (on Last Thursday)	7:00-9:00	Cafeteria
F	Webelos Meeting	5:00-6:00	Art
	Basketball Practice/St. Aloysius	5:30-9:30	Gym
S	Romulus Recreation Saturday Program	9:45-4:15	Gym

Weather Wire Service & School Closing Announcements:

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Money Appropriated for Police

by D. A. Atkins

The City Council, upon the recommendation of Mayor McAnally, approved the funds to hire five new police officers for the City, provided they complete the hiring program successfully. In her request to City Council, Mayor McAnally stated that minorities and residents were of paramount concern regarding the hiring procedures.

At the last workshop held between the

Council, Mayor and Police Chief, discussions centered on the development of the Police Department. Since then, the administration has made diligent efforts to address these concerns and to expand the service to the community.

At present, there are five eligible persons who qualify for positions on the Romulus Police Department — one female and four Romulus residents.

The Mayor said that she recognized that, in the future, the Department will experience a need for additional officers as a result of attrition and changes due to promotions.

An amount of \$72,000 was awarded by the Council to take care of additional expenses incurred by hiring the additional officers.

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potential resident and minority officers will have been hired (if they all complete the requirements) at one time in the City of Romulus. □

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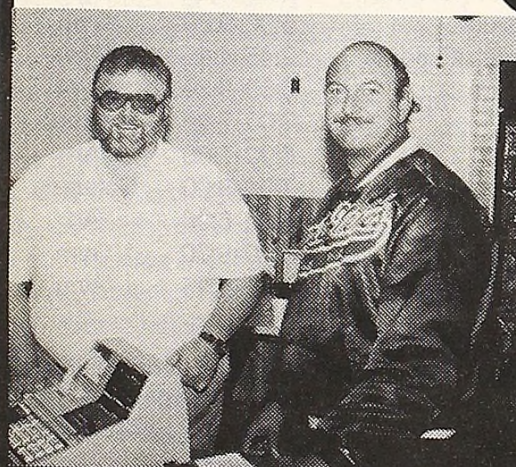
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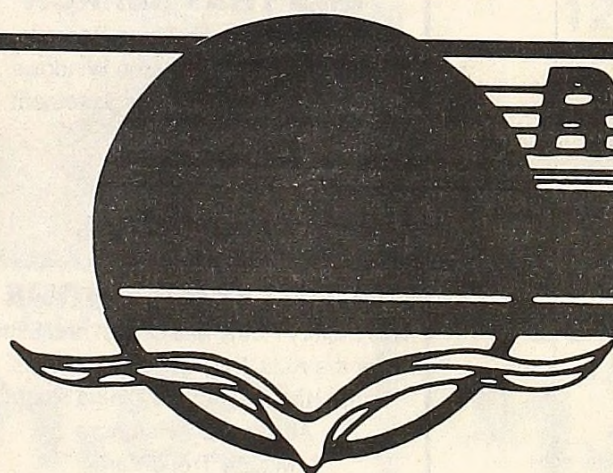
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